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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Mohammad M. Ali

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03/01/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6, 10-11 and 14-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Galockin (4,742,939). Galockin discloses a refrigerating apparatus for chilling an object 14, the refrigerator apparatus forming a part of refrigerator 12 and comprising a chamber inside a cylindrical tank 34 having a longitudinal axis and being configured to receive the object 14 to be chilled, an inlet 52 and outlet 54 spaced along the longitudinal axis, a device generating a fluid flow through an inlet tube 52 within the chamber and a structure for causing the fluid flow to follow a helical path through the tubing 48/50 in contact with the object 14 about the longitudinal axis within the chamber between the inlet 52 and the outlet 54. See Fig1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7-9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Galockin. Galockin discloses the invention substantially as claimed as stated above except a chilled air-flow, a fan and plurality of chambers each chamber housing

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an object to be chilled. The inlet tube 52 of the tubing 48 is coupled to a source of coolant or refrigerant (see column 3, lines 21-23). This coolant inherently coupled with a cooler/evaporator and with a pump. This coolant in tube 48 can obviously be an cooled air and in that case there should be an air mover like circulator of the fluid in tube 48; the plurality of housing for holding multiple objects is a duplicate use of a single housing for holding the a single object and it will be an obvious repetition of the claim with single objet.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 03/16/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant argued, "Galockin's cooling unit 12 includes cooling pipes 48 wrapped around a tank or canister 42. Galockin's "object to be chilled" is the canister itself, which is disclosed as being a canister for containing carbonated water. Galockin's canister is not configured to receive any object to be chilled and does not receive such an object in use. The fluid in Galockin's apparatus that performs the cooling flows through the pipes 48 and not in a helical path within a chamber that receives the object to be chilled. Furthermore, Galockin's cooling fluid is never in contact with the object to be chilled. As a result, Galockin neither identically discloses nor suggests the invention as claimed." The Examiner disagrees. The claims do not disclose cooling fluid is in contact with the object to be cooled rather claims disclose the "the fluid flow to follow a helical path in contact with the object to be chilled" The helical path is the cooling tubings 48/50 and the tubings 48/50 are in helical path and in contact with the cooling

object 14 to be chilled. The cooling path tubings 48/50 are disposed in the tank 34, which is considered the chamber. Therefore, the rejections are proper.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

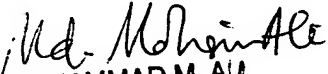
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad M. Ali whose telephone number is 571-272-4806. The examiner can normally be reached on maxiflex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4808. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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